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AND THEIR USE

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Sir:

**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to confirm in a further communication that the figures filed May 12, 2006, are acceptable or advise the undersigned of any specific objection or rejection of the same.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of January 6, 2010. The present paper is being filed as the Office Action of January 6, 2010, does not indicate the status of the indicated filed drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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